

# TOWN OF WELAKA



# APRIL 2020

### Waste Pro

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Garbage, Recycle, Yard Trash  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> – Garbage, Recycle  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> – Garbage, Recycle, Yard Trash  
 April 27<sup>th</sup> – Garbage, Recycle  
 Please call Waste Pro if you have any questions at 328-5445.

### Public Meetings

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Tues – Zoning Board 5:30 p.m.; Code Enforcement Board 5:45 p.m.; Town Council 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. For more information call Town Hall at 386-467-9800.

### April Meter Readings



April meter readings will begin: Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

*PLEASE HELP CONSERVE WATER!*



**Remember:** Water bill payments can be made anytime of the day or night, even on weekends, by using the "Utility Payment" drop box at the top of the stairs at Town Hall.

Clip This 

The Town of Welaka Utility Department is available for water and sewer problems 24 hours a day at 467-8677.  
 TDD 800/955-8771

### Special days this month:

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – April Fools' Day

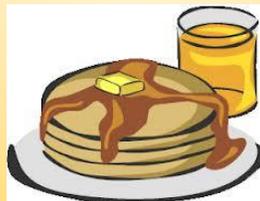


Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter



United Methodist Church

Pancake Breakfast \$4  
 Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Orange Juice and Coffee!



Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 CANCELLED

FROM THE MAYOR:



**From the Mayor**

April Newsletter

### What a Difference a Month Makes.

Last month we were discussing what seemed to be of importance and several different matters here in Town. How did we know that we would be coming to such a situation that we currently have. Here in this country and the entire world. We felt we were so important, like protection, fear of the unknown or worry about a little bit of everything. What a change it has been. Last month Mike McHaffey and I had had several discussions and we thought we had booked someone to come and speak in regard to the subject worry. Worry covers many things. Addictions, personal problems, family problems. What about tomorrow? Certainly now we are in a situation where tomorrow almost becomes precious for the fact of the unknown.

We are under current executive order by the Governor as well as the President of the United States. We try to comply with them as

much as possible. Several of us in Town think we suffer, but don't forget we do have businesses that are affected by these various orders. Income stops. Can you sit down for any meals, spend a little time over the bar or such things? We are absolutely in a State of War with the unknown. It is a terrible time. If we tried to make this more than just a situation of a lifetime and importance, let's try to become involved. So politically we are one body. It has put cramps on our style, but we are going to learn how to do it.



### Public Meetings.

The last couple of weeks I haven't managed to attend Church service. We have watched messages at home. Last Monday after having watched Sunday service it came to my attention. How can we resolve the fact that we are still in business here in Town, and how do we connect things that we comply in both sunshine and other matters. Talking to the necessary agencies in Tallahassee, it was determined that yes, we can use it, that we can use such forms as churches are currently using. It will be outlined for you and posted in public places, as well as with the newspaper notices of how to exactly observe meetings during this period of time. No more than 10 can be in a meeting without being a violation. However, we will be able to transmit this so that you may watch it. It will be maintained as a public record and if so, desired you may obtain from us. If you wish to watch, make sure that you check with Town Hall at any time. Life must go on and doing it the way that we are advised to proceed. We cannot just stop totally all our efforts.



### Cabin Fever.

Something of interest to do might be to read a book. Occasionally, those of us that are trying to avoid contamination or avoid the contagious disease that we're suffering need to think back. How did we satisfy ourselves? Certainly doesn't hurt to reach out. Use that phone a little while. Call that friend of yours that you would see every day. At least have a conversation with them. Try to keep upbeat, don't need to be snow bound to be having cabin fever restriction. Restriction to home suddenly makes you think deeply. We are a unique little Municipality and we do worry about each other. We are trying to work our way through these various current matters and still maintain this care.

### How Much is a Roll of Toilet Paper?

How much is black market toilet paper? We have had to post at all our park restrooms that there is no toilet paper on hand. You should probably bring your own with you if you're going to feel the need to use these restrooms. It is amazing that within moments after cleaning and maintaining the restrooms, that we find nearly every one of them without a supply of toilet paper.

As a result, we're just having to be tighter on our parks. During the month of March, the crew has spent between material and time over \$4,000 from repairing destruction in nearly every park. Don't be afraid to call the Chief or call Town Hall. When you find somebody on a dirt bike tearing up Jefferson Smith or tearing up the 40 Acre, there is absolutely no reason for this. I realize children are home

from school. You've got to find something to do, but it certainly isn't the destruction of their Town. I understand that everyone with children now has unique situations now with mom or dad working or not working in mandatory areas. Supposedly a 16-year-old should be able to be left home, but who knows? Under stressful conditions, even children become stressed when confined. Let's tightened things up, and have respect.

We are all much better than somebody stealing little things like toilet paper. Theft out of your restroom, doesn't become a habit. Think of how you're going to help. Children are being put in a stress with schoolwork, but they're finding out how to conform and how to do their work. Throughout the United States, we do have many, many children home school, or electronic teaching works for some. But for others it should not be. Your ability to transform your study habits from the classroom to the home. Let's just help where we can. Those of us that already know of a child at home, reach out. Let the parents know that if they have a little faith in you that you can lend just a little bit of help. Years ago, anybody in the neighborhood watched you grow up. Somehow we lost that flavor. Let's try to re-institute it somewhere. There has to be some good for us and there has to be a lesson. Let's just work with it.



## Lion's Meeting During the Month of April.

Lion's meeting on the first and third Tuesday have been cancelled until the national situation improves.



## Cemetery.

We again have the supplies on hand for cleaning stones and making our second movement forward on this project. Your Cemetery Committee, under the restriction of crowd management, we will be determining just how far we proceed in April with this. We will try and keep things posted. Don't forget we have a bulletin board at Town Hall. We had both the board at the Town Hall and the Post Office. We try and keep Lazy Days apprised to notices. We attempt to make sure that you all know what we're doing and how we're progressing. The Cemetery has lost one of its major pine trees. It seems that we have lost so many over the last two years. You must maintain safety among our trees, but you still hate to lose that canopy.

## Water and Sewer.

Again, we have had a few somewhat minor overages. We continue to ask that you let us know and we will show you how to do a little of your own homework in determining how much water you're using. We've worked with several over the last couple months. They have shown great interest in that and have a much fuller knowledge of what is necessary with the Utility System.



## Fire Protection.

You will notice in the minutes that false accusations were brought about Sugar Mill Woods and their designated personal fire hydrant. The Fire Department and the County have all advised this is not a functioning hydrant. We have their words as well as our ISO ratings. We are in compliance and the only way that we can mark that hydrant is to mark it black, which means unusable for a person that rolls up with a firetruck. We just have to make sure that we stop some of this false information and twisted information as it circulates. We could move forward a lot faster. A lot of things take longer now, because we are having to combat false accusations and misstatements. As we said before, find real happiness. If you really, truly can't find happiness here, maybe you should be moving down the road. It will come back and prices on real estate will probably increase again, who knows? Maybe you can make a little money by leaving Town if that's what you really, truly want. Don't try to destroy what others have created.



## Easter.

Currently, we do not know what our situation will be for Easter. We feel that maybe perhaps between Church billboards we have now that we can either have a streamed Sunrise Service, or a drive in type service somewhere. We need to

meet the criteria of assemblage, but certainly do not forget most people this time of the year. Certainly, this does give us the chance to look forward even in the days of despair that we currently feel. Don't forget you are blessed if you are awake and realize that we are not omnipotent, but only God is. There are so many things that no matter how intelligent, how we research and how we think we know, our eyes are only being opened to what we really should be thinking about. There's much more to life than just what you see out your window. There's a whole world of life beneath us that we forget about. It was in the ground. You don't see it, but God forbid that anything happens it certainly it's brought to our attention.

## Town Hall.

Feel free to reach out here. Our Town Hall is in compliance with the State. We are somewhat locked down. We are working daily. Chief is out and about. Utility crew is out there doing their duties. Town Hall can be reached by phone or by email. We just have to keep everybody healthy and prevent further spread.

## Try and Stay Positive.

We are going to have commodities this month. This will be on the 7th of April in the afternoon here at the Town Hall pavilion. Harriet continues to spend tireless hours in maintaining this project as well as so many others. It's been brought to our attention that currently the school buses are making the circuit between 10 and 10:30 on Monday to Friday with breakfast and lunch. They will be making stops here in Town at fifth and 308B, and here at Town Hall. Let's make sure that our children that are home, especially

now here under these situations receive these meals. Reach out if you can help us make sure that everyone knows you're available. As always, please try to have a happier day in Town. Do a little more praying, have a little more faith and with God we will overcome. Say thank you to some of our businesses as they attempt to provide some needs to us.



Try a few recipes at home that you haven't tried for years. Just try and please, let's all stay happy.



**TOWN OF WELAKA  
ZONING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020  
@ 5:30 P.M.**

**WELAKA TOWN HALL**

1. The meeting was called to order by Finch at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Kevin Finch – present, Allen Rusek – present, Lenore Toole – present, Harriet Vanslyke – present, Les Thomas – present, and Town Attorney Allen Scott – absent.
3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2020. Finch asked if any deletions, corrections or additions – there were none. Vanslyke made a motion to accept Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2020, second by Rusek. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Old Business: none

5. New Business: Update on regulations for short-term rentals – Allen Scott is absent.
6. Request to Speak: none
7. Audience Participation: none
8. Toole made a motion to adjourn at 5:34 p.m., second by Vanslyke. Motion carried 5-0.



**TOWN OF WELAKA  
CODE ENFORCEMENT MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020  
@ 5:45 P.M.  
WELAKA TOWN HALL**

1. The meeting was called to order by Finch at 5:45 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Kevin Finch - present, Allen Rusek – present, Lenore Toole – present, Harriet Vanslyke – present, Les Thomas – present, and Town Attorney Allen Scott – absent.
3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2020. Finch asked if any deletions, corrections or additions – there were none. Rusek made a motion to accept the Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2020 as written, second by Vanslyke. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Old Business: CV18-0002: 1007 Front Street- Sewer update. CV19-0002: 510 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue- Unkempt property. CV19-0018, CV19-0019, CV19-0029: 907 Front Street- Sewer update, Kevin Gouin is waiting for the Town to give him access to connect to sewer. Sands stated that they will have access when our Utility Crew repairs the water line on Front Street. Toole motioned to table until next meeting, second by Vanslyke. Motion carried 5-0.

5. New Business: CV20-0001: 601 Old Welaka Road- Unkempt property. CV20-0002: 516 Mill Street- Unkempt property. CV20-0003: 766 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue- Unkempt property. CV20-0004: 633 Oak Street- Unkempt property. CV20-0005: Runk Properties- Unkempt property. CV20-0006: 508 Oak Street- Unkempt property. CV20-0007: 101 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue- Unkempt property. CV20-0008: 3002 Elm Street- Unkempt property. CV20-0009: 710 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue- Unkempt property. CV20-0011: 308B Properties- Unkempt properties. Finch stated that those that have been here/sited before if they don't rectify the problem by the next meeting, how much will the fine be? Rusek made a motion for the repeat offenders, a \$25 fine a day will start at the end of the 30 days, if not in compliance, second by Toole. Motion carried 5-0. For the new code violations, compliance within 30 days or appear in front of the Board. Thomas made the motion for new code violations to clean up by the next meeting, or appear at the meeting to explain situation, second by Vanslyke. Motion 5-0.
6. Request to Speak: none
7. Audience Participation: none
8. Toole made a motion to adjourn at 6:07 p.m., second by Vanslyke. Motion carried 5-0.



**TOWN OF WELAKA  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020  
@ 6:30 P.M.**

**WELAKA TOWN HALL**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sands at 6:30 p.m.
2. Invocation was given by Finch.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Washington.
4. Roll Call: Mayor Gordon Sands - present, Councilman Willie Washington - present, Councilman Jamie Watts - present, Councilwoman Jessica Finch - present, Councilwoman Marianne Milledge - present, and Steven Scott - present.
5. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2020. Sands asked if any deletions, corrections or additions - there were none. Watts motioned to approve Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2020, second by Finch. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Purchase of Speed Radar Trailer – Byrne Grant: Chief Porath stated that due to purchasing limitations, anything over \$5,000 must go before Council. Chief Porath presented a quote from Stalker Radar to the Council for a Radar Trailer for \$7,724.00. Porath stated that the trailer will be put strategically around Town to collect data. Porath stated that this will give him a better idea on times, and where, speeding is taking place. Washington motioned to purchase the Stalker Radar, second by Watts. Motion carried 5-0.
7. RES2020-01: American Women to Vote in National Elections-RES2020-01 commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment providing for Women’s Suffrage to the United States Constitution. It reaffirms the opportunity for people in the United States to learn about and commemorate the efforts of the Women’s Suffrage Movement and the role of women in our Democracy. The Town of Welaka celebrates the courageous vision

championed by women and men of past generations and recognizes the positive impact in the health of our communities and proclaims the year 2020 the centennial celebration of the Right of American Women to vote in National Elections. Milledge made a motion to accept Resolution RES2020-01, second by Finch. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Request to Speak: none
9. Code and Zoning Recommendations: none
10. Utility Matters: none
11. Town Matters:  
Mayor Sands Report: (a) Destruction of Town Property- Sands stated that our work crew spent hours maintaining/cleaning our parks, and this weekend we had destruction again. Pictures were presented to the Council of the destruction at 40 Acre Park (graffiti). Sands stated that we will have to start locking the parks to prevent this. Sands also stated that he will put in the Newsletter for a \$500 reward to anyone knowing who is responsible for the vandalism of our parks. (b) Care of Wetlands- Sands stated that he received an email for SJRWM regarding the removal of dead vegetation in the Village. The SJRWD can approve the removal of the dead vegetation and debris but will need a plan showing the areas and the methods to remove the material. (c) Sugar Mill Fire Hydrant – Sands stated that we have another matter to discuss. A video of Channel 12 News was played regarding a fire hydrant in Welaka. Sands stated that he asked Richard Bach, with the Welaka Volunteer Fire Department, to be present to speak on this behalf tonight. Bach stated that the fire hydrant at Sugar Mill was never meant to be used. It is on private property, and it does not pull enough water. It’s never floated in a 350-gallon event. Bach stated that we have a 2,750-gallon tanker that responds, plus a 3,750-gallon tanker from Satsuma. Bach stated that in his opinion Sugar Mill is probably

one of the safest complexes that we have. Bach stated that he has never had to go there for an active fire, with their hood systems, and canisters in the hoods, the property owner can extinguish any kitchen fires. Bach stated the hydrant is painted black, due to it not being intended on being used. Bach stated that he was a bit thrown off to hear of any issues because they have worked hard in the Town, the ISO rating went from 10 to 5, which they are diligently checking the hydrants making sure they are functioning properly. The ISO rating affects homeowner’s insurance as well.  
Councilwoman Milledge Report: none  
Councilwoman Finch Report: (a) Website- Finch stated that she is meeting with McDaniel and the Building Official on Wednesday regarding information on the website. Finch stated that McDaniel was able to get the solution for the headstones to be cleaned at the Cemetery.  
Councilman Washington Report: none  
Councilman Watts Report: Watts stated that Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m. is the Swearing-In Ceremony.  
12. Audience Participation: Pam Olson: 292 Maxwell Drive – Olson asked when Maxwell Drive road will be fixed. Sands stated the only thing we have is the \$87,000 estimate that the contractor gave you the estimate on. To answer your question, no, we haven’t moved too much other than the information given to us.  
13. Police Matters: none  
14. Attorney Matters: (a) Short-term Rentals – absent  
15. Watts made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m., second by Washington. Motion carried 5-0.



## 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Town of Welaka

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from wells which are chlorinated and aerated for disinfection purposes and draw from the Floridan Aquifer.

In 2018, the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP SWAPP website at <https://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/>.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Town of Welaka at (386) 467-9800. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall, located at 400 Fourth Avenue.

The Town of Welaka routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019. Data obtained before January 1, 2019 and presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{l}$ ):** one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter ( $\text{mg}/\text{l}$ ):** one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

## Water Quality Results

### Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic (ppb)	4/2018	N	1.8	N/A	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	4/2018	N	0.0048	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	4/2018	N	0.2	N/A	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4/2018	N	0.089	N/A	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	5/2019	N	0.12	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	4/2018	N	40	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

*Results in the Level Detected column for inorganic contaminants are the highest average at any of the sampling points or the highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency.*

### Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo/yr)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	1/2019 – 12/2019	N	1.36	1.05 – 1.53	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

*For chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. The range of results is the range of results of all the individual samples collected during the past year.*

### Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	9/2019	N	15.85	N/A	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	9/2019	N	3.62	N/A	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection

### Lead and Copper (Tap Water)

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo/yr)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	7/2017	N	0.024	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Welaka is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but

cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking

Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at the Town of Welaka would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.